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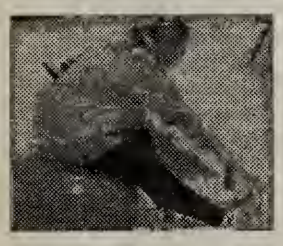

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 23
Coffee night in CLO lobby, 3 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 24
Award-winning speaker Gary Tuerack uses humorous anecdotes and an interactive presentation style to accompany extensive research and interviews with some of the most highly-regarded people in America. Success secrets and captivating stories about the country's most famous people will be shared. This presentation is live via satellite in Gyte 115, 6 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 27
CCLD will host a panel discussion on "The Dreaded Interview" in SFLC 150 from 1-3 p.m.

CCLD makes job searching easy

JOSHAUNA WALKER
Staff Writer

A student has just graduated with a bachelor's degree, in the top 10 percent of the class with an outstanding GPA and possess the skills necessary to land a job with any company that employs thier field of study. Yet, as this student walks away, degree in hand, and a signature smile, that person has spent four years in college and does not have the slightest idea where or how to search for a job.

When the economy declines, the uncertainty of landing a great career increases. Employment opportunities become less visible. People must hold more than a degree from an accredited college; they must possess the ability to find a job and be considered an excellent choice for the position.

The Center for Career and Leadership Development (CCLD) knows how and where to find the best jobs and can provide the knowledge needed to attain that great job. For the last five years, CCLD has been working vigorously to make the experience of searching for a job easier, for it is now a reality. PCSLOTS Online is a new E-Recruiting Database for PUC students, alumni, and a password is being devised for members of the community. PCSLOTS Online can be accessed by visiting and selecting The Center for Career and Leadership Development.

Donna Weidenfeller, office manager of CCLD, said "PCSLOTS Online will provide students with the opportunity to search all kinds of jobs."

Weidenfeller said the job listings include full-time employment, part-time employment, co-op positions and internships.

Chandra Gary, associate director of CCLD, said the jobs on PCSLOTS are for "mostly Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland area, but students...can make their resume available nationwide so they will have exposure to other companies throughout the United States."

Weidenfeller said Beth Pellicciotti,the former director of CCLD and now the vice chancellor for academic quality programs, had the idea for to the program and was ahead of her time.

Pellicciotti worked with the ISCP design team in 1987 and created a disk operating system where students could access job listings on a computer.

Gary said, "We have gone from a DOS based program to a Windows based program."

She also explained how to enroll and that the program is free of charge.

Gary said, "For students to be able to access PCSLOTS they must be registered with CCLD."

Gary said students must bring a copy of a recent transcript with a registered seal, a resume and fill out an application.

Chynisse Browder, internship and co-operative education coordinator, said students should take advantage of the program.

"It's a good way for our office to interact with the students and keep in touch with our PUC alumni," Browder said.

CCLD employees explained that the program was designed to benefit students and make what can be a stressful situation an enjoyable one.

Weidenfeller said, "I think one of the benefits is they (users) can see job listings anytime during the day...We do data entry daily so the job listings do change."

Gary said, "It also empowers the students to have an active role in the job search."

For more information on PCSLOTS or to register visit CCLD in SFLC-349 or call 989-2419.

Photo by Skye Holman

Donna Weidenfeller, Chynisse Browder and Chandra Gary (seen clockwise from left to right) of CCLD are involved in the new E-Recruiting Database, which makes job searching easier and more accessible to students.

PC SLOTS

The new E-recruiting database for students and alumni can be accessed through PUC's website at http://www.calumet.purdue.edu.

In order to access the database, a student must be registered with the Center for Career and Leadership Development.

PC SLOTS provides an opportunity to search for all kinds of jobs. For more information call CCLD at (219)989-2419, or stop by the CCLD office in SFLC 349.

More departments wanted in political debates

CHRISTOPHER JONES
Assistant News Editor

For the second year in a row a political forum was held to discuss the current world events in the wake of Sept. 11 and the impending war in Iraq. Those involved with the forum are now hoping to include discussion from more Purdue University Calumet departments.

The political forum, called "9/11 Revisited- The Terrorist Attacks One Year Later," was held on Sept. 11 in SFLC concourse and featured Richard Rupp and Val Martinez, instructors from the history and political science department. During the forum both Rupp and Martinez suggested that more forums should be held on world events and that more PUC departments should be involved.

"It's a tremendous idea (political forum). Something as big and horrifying as Sept. 11 should be covered by different departments."
Val Martinez,
Instructor, department of history and political science

"The university as a whole should conduct a forum on Iraq—before the conflict. It's very useful to have not only the political science and history department, but have a variety of departments," Rupp said.

Rupp said that current world events are grand questions that touch on many departments, such as philosophy, psychology and economics. Those involved with the political discussion have suggested that artists and poets should even be involved in future forums.

Martinez agreed with Rupp and thinks that the idea of different PUC departments focusing on different political issues is a good one. He thinks it would be a good idea to have a department like philosophy look at the events of Sept. 11 and current events from a philosophical standpoint.

"It's a tremendous idea (political forum). Something as big and horrifying as Sept. 11 should be covered by different departments," Martinez said.

Those in the philosophy department believe that a forum open to different topics covered by different scholastic backgrounds would be meaningful. Samuel Zinaich, professor in English and philosophy, believes that global events need to be examined from a theoretical standpoint and stated that he would use (John) Lockeian theories to show how President Bush's decisions are right/wrong. However, Zinaich believes that PUC faculty and students look down upon philosophical interpretations of events.

"I get the feeling that some people don't think philosophy has anything to say about issues. (Philosophy) gets left out of discussions and I wonder why—there's an indifference towards philosophy," Zinaich said.

He stated further that PUC's turn toward vocational studies might be a reason why philosophy is left out of political discussions.

David Detmer, a professor in English and philosophy, said that he would be willing to participate in a political forum and that it would be beneficial to look at world topics from a philosophical viewpoint.

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Samuel Zinaich,
Professor, department of English and philosophy

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Our campus is equipped with AEDs...just in case

What if an exerciser suffers from cardiac malfunction during a workout in the university's Fitness Center? What if a student or professor, while walking across campus, collapses suddenly in cardiac arrest? What if a maintenance worker experiences chest tightness and faints?

We asked those questions two years ago when announcing Purdue Calumet's purchase of four automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for emergency campus use. Purdue Calumet is the first Calumet Region post-secondary institution and Purdue regional campus to obtain AEDs. Ours also is one of the first in the greater Chicagoland area to obtain the $2,500 devices.

We did so for a very good reason.

Key to survival

"Early defibrillation is the key to survival," Purdue Calumet Police Chief Stephen Chaddock said. "If you don't properly attend to a victim within the first six minutes, his or her survival rate is severely hampered."

An AED is intended to save a life prior to on-the-scene arrival of emergency medical service personnel.

Fortunately, there has not been an occasion on our campus during the past two years in which AED use has been necessary. But that does not diminish the need for these life-saving devices.

In fact, there are now eight AEDs strategically located around campus—seven permanently fixed in buildings and the other in the University Police mobile unit squad car.

Accessible within 2 minutes

"An AED can be accessed anywhere on campus within two minutes," Chaddock said. "Ultimately, we want to equip each building with one."

So how does an AED work?

Each contains computer chips that analyze the rate, size and wave shape of a victim's cardiac rhythm and determine if the rhythm can be shocked. AEDs also are equipped with electrode pads, which, when placed on a victim's chest can sense a human cardiac electric signal and send it to the computer. If a shock is computer-prescribed, it is delivered through the electrodes when a trained operator presses the AED's SHOCK button. A series of voice prompts and lighted indicators direct the operator through the AED activation process.

Because AED use is computer-determined, misuse based on human error is prevented.

Trained campus staff

"An estimated 350,000 people die each year of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest," Chaddock said. "These AEDs, if used properly, could save one-third of the lives."

To assure AEDs are used properly on campus, all seven University Police officers have received AED certification training, as have four Fitness Center staff members and three contract security personnel.

"All our officers were re-certified in June through the American Red Cross' Heartsaver Automated External Defibrillator Program," Chaddock said. "They're also re-certified every two years in CPR."

Each campus AED is routinely checked each month.

What's goin' on?

A look around campus

The Gay/ Straight Alliance welcomes membership

Do you want to help eliminate oppression, fear and homophobia on campus and in the community? Are you open to the questions and opinions of others? It does not matter if you are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, straight or questioning.

Everyone has questions, comments and concerns they'd like to share. Everyone needs information about issues now and then. We have a safe atmosphere where asking questions, expressing concerns and making comments is encouraged. We exist to provide a non-judgmental, confidential and supportive environment. E-mail pucgsa@hotmail.com for more information.

Sorority seeks members

The Zeta Sigma Chi sorority is inviting women of all nationalities to learn more about their sisterhood at a social informational to be held Sept. 26. The social will be held at LaRosa's 6817 Indianapolis Blvd., Hammond, Ind. For more information, e-mail zsc95gamma@yahoo.com.

Award-winning speaker to be broadcasted on campus

Award-winning speaker Gary Tuerack will be giving a presentation via satellite in Gyte 115 on Sept. 24. Tuerack has used humor and extensive research to interview some of the nation's most highly regarded people. The presentation will encourage attendees to enhance their earning potential, gain the skills of achievers and discover their purpose and power.

Interview panel to help students

A panel of corporate recruiters from different industries share some of their experiences and help students understand the do's and don'ts of job interviews. Come learn from reputable professionals who interview hundreds of job candidates. Participants will also be given the opportunity to get their questions answered—on the spot! The panel will be held on Sept. 27 from 1-3 pm in the Room with a View.

Pictures of Mars to be shown at PUC

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers and PUC invite you to attend "The New Age of Mars Exploration". At the presentation Donald T. Palac of NASA John H. Glenn Research Center will speak on topics such as robotic spacecrafts and possible present liquid on Mars. There will also be showings of the latest pictures of Mars from active orbiters. The presentation will take place Sept. 30 from 6- 8 pm in Alumni Hall.

The Chronicle seek staff in all departments

Join the largest student organization on campus. Meet new people and have fun!

The Chronicle is currently seeking writers, photographers, editors, copy editors, page designers, web designers, advertising reps, business department, promotions department and human resources department. No experience is necessary to fill these positions, just a willingness to learn.

Pick up an application in SFLC 344-H or call 989-2547.

PUC photo club meeting

The PUC Photo Club will have their next meeting Monday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. in SFLC 301. For more information please e-mail Kristin at PUC PhotoClub@hotmail.com.

CCLD sponsors coffee night

The Center for Career and Leadership Development is sponsoring a free coffee night for students on Sept. 23 from 3-8 p.m. in the CLO lobby.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

The Hammond Hispanic Community Committee will host its annual Hispanic -American Heritage month celebration at The Center on Saturday, Oct. 5. Tickets are $12. Children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets may be obtained at the door or by calling Joe Rodriguez at (219) 853-6301 or Rick Medrano at 853-6508.

Say what?

"Forget the past and live in the present hour."

-Sarah Knowles Bolton
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Com 353 prepares students for life

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The Comunication 353 class at PUC focuses on problems in public relations. But perhaps the main title for this course ought to be "Red Sea Communication." On Monday and Wednesday evenings, this class converges in the Porter Building.

Anyone enrolled in Com 353 is not subjected to any lectures or exams, instead one project determines the difference between passing and failing. The main purpose here applies to handling public relations in the job force.

Communication Professor Thomas Roach has overseen this program for 12 years. He organized this class from one that formed at West Lafayette.

"I created the concept for this class, made the syllabus, I did it all," Roach said.

Roach has taught at PUC since 1987. In addition to Com 353 he has conducted classes in interviewing skills, advanced public relations and graduate courses. In Com 353, he serves as more of an advisor than an instructor. That's because this class is under the control of its students.

The class sessions, that take place twice a week, act as business meetings. An agenda is prepared with minutes divided to work out company business. Red Sea Communication is divided into four departments; media relations, client relations, creative, and graphics.

> **"I think everything is going well, but it is challenging, even though we don't have lectures or exams. It's a different experience, but it's fun."**
> Laura Furmanek, senior, public relations

Through the combined efforts of these four departments the students of Com 353 must find one client company to represent. Once a client is selected the class restructures and begins work on a full communication audit of the client company.

This class gives advanced public relations students hands on experience.

"The first job experience is usually not a good one. I'm here to make sure they practice good communication and leadership skills," Roach said.

Already, the current Com 353 class has made a name for themselves, in other words "Red Sea Communication." This is the company name that they have come up with, just as classes in years past have managed to do.

The group features 17 students, each responsible for contacting companies to find a possible client.

Laura Furmanek, a senior majoring in public relations said, "I knew what I would be doing, it would be a lot of work. This class shows what I could be doing careerwise."

She hopes to pursue a public relations career working in a company's media department.

"I think everything's going well, but it is challenging, even though we don't have lectures or exams. It's a different experience, but it's fun."

One disadvantage for Red Sea Communication is class time. Even though they meet twice a week, the gap between Wednesday and the following Monday poses a challenge in getting business done as they search for a client.

"The five day gap is a huge disadvantage for us. With no communication or events, it's hard if you are not communicating," Noelle Bates said.

Bates, a junior majoring in public relations serves as the elected CEO of Red Sea Communication.

"I have learned more about communication in P.R. in the last month than ever."

Even though Com 353 acts as company with goals in mind, it prepares for life in the field of P.R. after college.

"I think now, the class has a reputation for the business community, it has developed our business culture, there are more resources and better organizations out there," Roach said.

The Chronicle Online

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War and politics are all about timing

The Bush Administration has not allowed the possibility of war to fade away since the United Nations received a letter allowing weapons inspectors to return to Iraq last Monday.

Iraq's decision to comply with U.N. resolutions came after President Bush declared the United States would confront Iraq alone if the U.N. failed to issue a deadline for Iraq to disarm in accordance with U.N. Security Council resolutions imposed following the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. In 1998, U.N. weapons inspectors left Iraq shortly before U.S. and British air strikes occurred due to Iraq's noncompliance with U.N. obligations. Air strikes have been reported as recently as Sept. 16 in southern Iraq, according to the Washington Post.

The Associated Press reported that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told Congress last week that Iraq is a "terrorist state" that is actively seeking materials used to make nuclear weapons and represents a major threat to the United States and its allies. The resolutions set by the U.N. Security Council more than a decade ago do not have a deadline for Iraq to disarm. Prior to Iraq's acceptance of inspectors Sept. 16, President Bush called for a new resolution that would impose a deadline. The Associated Press reported that President Bush proclaimed that Iraq's decision is a "tactic that will fail" to avoid strong U.N. Security Council actions.

The Bush Administration has appeared the past two Sundays on the major networks to make the case that Iraq is a nuclear threat. Although lawmakers agree about the need for bipartisan action regarding the possibility of war, critics question if the timing of this sudden turn in the focus of the war on terrorism is not a tactic on Bush's part as well. The sudden focus on Iraq rather than domestic issues could increase the number of votes cast for the Republican Party, which is traditionally stronger on foreign policy. The American people may be the most accepting of war with a known "terrorist state" exactly one year after the horrific events of Sept. 11.

The threat of nuclear war is as real as it has been since the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. Iraq would not be the only nation in the world or the Middle East with nuclear weapons. Because of the vast amount of natural resources in the Middle East that could potentially be destroyed, the use of weapons of mass destruction is probably not a viable option, either out of retaliation or initial action.

The issues that have brought the world to this point are more complex than the average citizen can understand by watching the television on Sunday or by reading the newspaper. This recent crisis has to do with the American way of life. It involves American foreign policy on Israel and with other issues that the press does not report on.

Yet, as the average citizen watches and listens for the latest developments in this crisis, he or she will also pay for a war with money and possibly a life. The solution to the current crisis remains unclear; this is not a win-win situation. It will not be solved overnight; it has been perpetuated for the last decade and more. There is already minor conflict in southern Iraq. It is certain that the United States cannot act alone if it expects the world's respect. A leader deserves respect when it can peacefully lead the group to a solution, not when it can tactically maneuver itself into a conflict.

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Tseng research starts new era for researchers at PUC

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In what will be looked back on as a historic moment for PUC, Charles Tseng, professor of biology, was recently awarded a $2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense. Tseng and his research consortium will study the effects of radio frequency fields on the function of human and bacterial genes. In laymen's terms, Tseng's research group will be working to make sure that our cellular devices are safe for everyday use.

Tseng's research means a lot more than whether cell phones are safe. Instead, his monumental achievement stands as a testament to PUC's new commitment to faculty research and advancement. In an academic community that favors research and the recognition it brings, Tseng's achievement may indeed spell the beginning of great things to come from academic research at PUC.

While research has always existed in some form or another at PUC, we have been more of a "teaching" school based more on the sharing of current knowledge than on pursuing new discoveries and innovations.

A hotly debated topic during last summer's strategic planning session was faculty research and the need for its growth across the campus community. From these dialogues, committee members and various administrators effectively worked with faculty and those in the research community to create and then institute new programs to encourage faculty research. Through these efforts, faculty members now, or will soon have, access to better facilities and opportunities to conduct substantial research endeavors.

Although faculty research may not appear important to the student body, we assure you that the opposite is true. Money generated for faculty research has provided students with everything from jobs and assistantships to new and better equipment. Add these benefits to the experience many students will gain alongside faculty and soon it is apparent that faculty research is as important as anything else our professors and educators engage in.

Even with these new advancements in research, PUC continues to lag behind other universities in Indiana. If these advancements are to be repeated, the campus community must work diligently to provide faculty with the resources and opportunities they need to grow in their research. Money and facilities promised to researchers must be delivered. Department heads and Deans must get actively involved pushing for and then allocating teaching reductions for researchers. Finally, students must encourage professors through inquisitiveness and admiration. Take a moment to ask a question on a professor's field of study or better yet, visit the library and read their findings and conclusions.

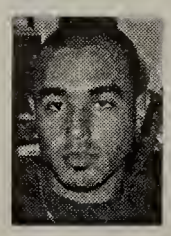
Congratulations Dr. Tseng to both you and your team. We hope your work ends up being insightful to you, your students, your team, and our community. Well Done!

The People Speak

Question of the Week: Do you think our country is going to war?

J.P. Roman-Laguanas
Sophomore, Undecided
"I should be answering the question 'how can we avoid going to war' not 'are we going.'"

James Dillon
Freshman, Education
"Yes, because of the unintelligent decisions of the president."



Eric Roldan
Freshman, CGT
"Yes, but the pursuit of equality and peace should be the reason, not revenge. Keep our worldly goal of unity in mind."

Aimee Hayhurst
Sophomore, Communication
"I just want America and every other country not to have to fear Sadaam and the Middle East and its terrorists organizations so my answer would be to go to war and fight for our freedom and safety."

Bruce Fane
Freshman, Sociology
"The conditions of this country are very unstable. I hope that whatever happens the decision makers are taking into account the loss of life."

Jessica Back
Sophomore, Sociology
"Yes, we are already in war."

HR practices correlate to shareholder value

SARAH LISON
News Editor

"We now have enough information to draw a correlation between human capital and shareholder value," Scott Golas, the third speaker in the Platinum Speakers Series, said Sept. 17. Golas went on to explain that this correlation could be either negative or positive.

Golas, the vice president of international human resources and technology for Aon Corporation, explained to students, alumni and community members why current corporate measures, such as downsizing and cost cutting, are inadequate.

"Disposing of your assets just doesn't sound like a great way to grow your organization, but we (organizations) do it over and over," Golas said.

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Golas explained that for most organizations, labor costs are a major investment. He said organizations spend money to train employees, and that human capital plays an indispensable role in the implementation of strategic plans. Thus, human capital is the last "differentiator" that most firms have; the marketplace places a great value on these intangible assets.

Golas said that those who had gone through the 1980s with him understand that unemployment level is low, even after a rise due to recent economic decline.

"That's not going to change."

Furthermore, the average age of the workforce is increasing, Golas said.

"We're not going to get a sudden bubble...entering the workforce."

Golas said that the result of these changes will be a shortage of skilled workers.

The information systems that became available to HR professionals in the 1990s have allowed for the study of the effects of corporate measures such as downsizing, Golas said; software programs enable HR professionals "to find the best mix for human capital and have quantifiable results."

Golas said investing in good human capital practices might be more important when the economy is bearish rather than bullish.

Prior to Golas' presentation, which was sponsored by the Purdue Alumni Association Calumet, students and alumni were able to network.

Gloria Roldan-Schieb, chairwoman for PAAC's student success committee explained what the Platinum Speakers Series events offer students.

"The event itself is an opportunity for students to network with alumni and faculty and make contacts."

The Platinum Speakers Series event is scheduled for Dec. 5 at The Center. The speaker and time is to be announced.

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Scott Golas of the Aon Corporation speaks about human capital at The Center.

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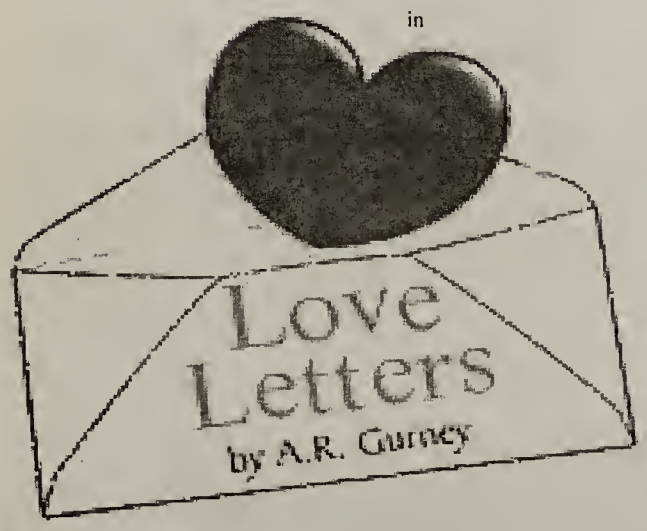

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Purdue Calumet Police Beat 9/09-09/15

Monday, September 9, 1:55 p.m.
Reporting party states that both drivers were backing out of their parking spaces, and they collided in the middle of the roadway. No reported injuries.

Tuesday, September 10, 10:00 a.m.
Reporting party advised she left her calculator in her office, which was locked overnight. When she returned, the calculator was gone. Item has been recovered.

Wednesday, September 11, 8:45 p.m.
Victim suffered a minor foot injury while walking between two floor scrubbers. Medical treatment was administered.

Thursday, September 12, 7:30 a.m.
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TV FALLS INTO NEW SHOWS

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"NYPD Blue" alumni David Caruso and Kim Delaney join the CSI franchise in "CSI: Miami" Mondays at 9 p.m. on CBS.

It's the time the networks shed their repeats and awful summer shows that they have had on for the past months (Do I have to remind you how bad "The Rerun Show" was?) and bring out the new shows for everyone's enjoyment.

Each network is averaging about five new shows this year. After sifting through them all, most of which will probably be cancelled in about a month, I chose a few that I think will be great and will stick around for a while.

"CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" was a breakthrough hit for CBS. People everywhere tuned in every week to help solve the crime. CBS decided to bring in more cash and take the show to a new location. "CSI Miami" was then born, with the same premise as the original "CSI."

This show marks David Caruso's return to television as he plays Horatio Caine, an ex-homicide detective who is not too sure about the scientific approach to solving crimes. Kim Delaney also stars as, DNA specialist, Megan Donner. Both of these actors gained fame from "NYPD Blue" (ABC). "CSI: Miami" will air every Monday at 9 p.m.

Jake Silver (Mark Feuerstein) brings in a bevy of cohorts to save a struggling television morning show in "Good Morning Miami."

NBC has the best comedies on TV, hands down. This year will be no different with the show "Good Morning Miami." The show centers around, TV producer, Jake Silver (Mark Feuerstein- "The West Wing") who has a job at the local television station in Miami. His job is to turn the low-rated morning show into a masterpiece. He inherits a strange bunch of characters that are on the show, such as the nun/weather lady, clowns and a Cuban-American co-host.

This show looks like it might join the ranks of "Friends" and "Will and Grace" as a great comedy. "Good Morning Miami" will be on Thursday nights at 8:30 p.m.

Networks seem to love shows that take place in the past. This year is no different. Numerous new shows are being themed in the past. "American Dreams" is one of those shows. Set in the sixties, this show centers around Meg Pryor's (Brittany Snow, "Seaquest DSV") dream to appear on "American Bandstand." Her persistence pays off when she and her friend, Roxanne (Vanessa Lengies, "Are You Afraid of the Dark") find themselves dancing away with Dick Clark. Meg's brother, JJ (Will Estes, "7th Heaven") also begins questioning whether or not he wants to keep playing football. Their dad, Jack (Tom Verica, "L.A. Law"), is concerned about what the decade is going to hold for his kids.

The show looks like it may have the same values that "Wonder Years" had. The sixties was a very turbulent time for the U.S., and this show will cover them all. "American Dreams" will be a great family show that appears Sunday nights at 7 p.m.

ABC has had some problems finding decent shows for the past couple of seasons. This year they may have hits that people will love. Who would not want to go back to high school and change something? Whether it was asking the boy or girl you liked out, or ignoring that slippery spot on the floor where you tripped. "That Was Then" shows what happens when Travis Glass (James Bulliard "Leap Years") gets to do so.

His life at the time is less than perfect. He has a horrible job, still lives with mom, and the love of his life is married to his brother, but he gets a second chance to live. That second chance also comes with complications. He soon realizes that changing the past changes the future.

Since this show is on Friday nights at eight, it will most likely go unnoticed. "That Was Then" looks like it will be a great show that people will love and in a way wish that they were able to do the same things that Travis does.

FOX seems to be a channel that has been having some problems in keeping their shows around. And this year will be no different. I doubt any of their new shows will stay. A 'Fast and the Furious' type show should be a guilty pleasure to some this year. It has what people love, fast cars and hot girls. Tiffani Thiessen (Saved By The Bell) stars as cop boss, Billie Chambers. Chambers is boss to Van Ray (Peter Facinellis, "Can't Hardly Wait") and Deaqon Hayes (Bill Bellamy of past MTV fame). Flashy clothes and cars make these Los Angeles cops stylish, and crimes should be solved somewhere during the show.

Fox seems to win with not so great programming. How many of you turned into '90210' every week? Young people will watch "Fastlane" since this show is put up against "The West Wing" on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

If none of those fit your taste don't worry, there are many others that you may like. Just tune in and watch.

'Barbershop' worth the wait in line

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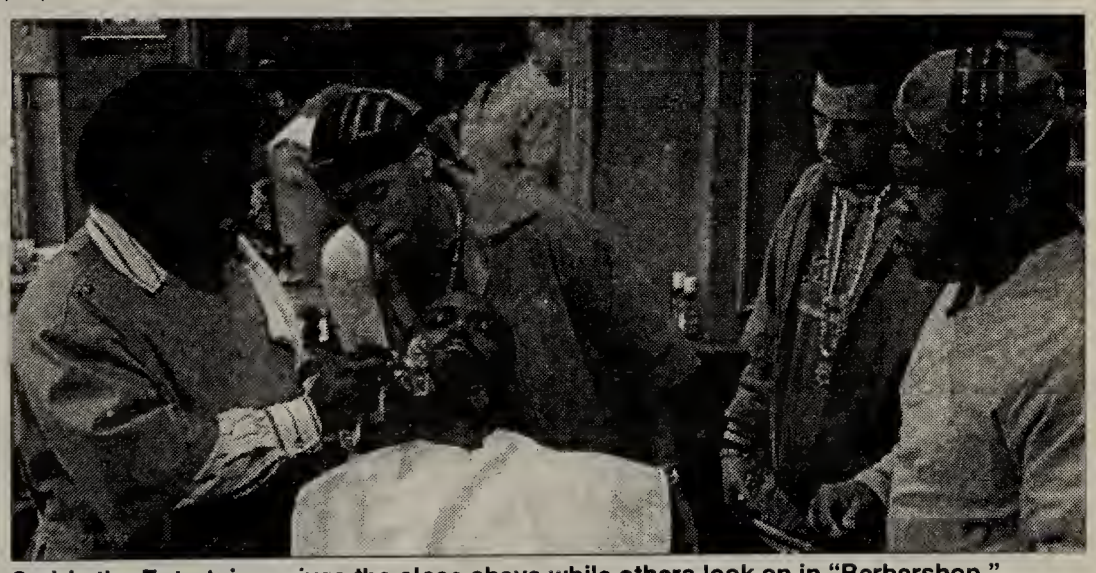
"Barbershop"
Cedric the Entertainer, Ice Cube
★★★ 1/2



Cedric the Entertainer gives the close shave while others look on in "Barbershop."

I went and saw the movie "Barbershop" the other day, and despite the morons behind me, I left the theater in good spirits. It's a feel-good comedy with a message. And while at times the message is as subtle as a shotgun blast to the kneecap, I didn't mind because Cedric the Entertainer (the whole cast, for that matter) is just that good.

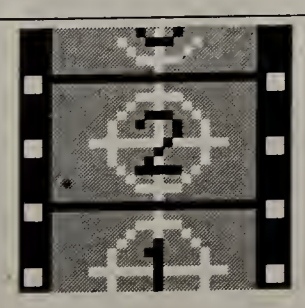
The movie, for the two of you who haven't heard about it, is about Calvin (Ice Cube, "Friday") and the barbershop he inherited from his father. The business isn't doing so hot, so he sells it to the loan shark, Lester (Keith David, "Requiem for a Dream) and later realizes he made a mistake. Hilarity ensues.

Plot-wise, the movie is that simple. There is a sub-plot as well that isn't so much hinted during the previews. While the sub-plot feels like a distraction and annoyance at first, it's a funny enough distraction, and actually (ridiculously) becomes important. So pay attention.

That being said, the cast holds the movie up when it could have very well been just another crappy ensemble comedy. Cedric the Entertainer is brilliant with his portrayal of Eddie, the most senior barber who dishes out most of the wisdom without sounding like a clichéd bumper sticker. Cube and Davis also play their characters with enough emotion (or lack of, respectively) that you either want to take them to dinner or punch them. Jimmy, (Sean Patrick Thomas, "Save the Last Dance) is the typical college elitist and Ricky, (Michael Early, "Kissing Jessica Stein) the ex-con. Jimmy also has a problem with Isaac (Troy Garity, "Bandits"), the "white boy that wants to be black," as he is called. And then there's Eve ("XXX." Did you see her in that? You did? I'm sorry...) in the role of Terri. Few musicians have ever made it to the screen successfully ("Cool as Ice," anyone?), but in "Barbershop," Eve proves herself worthy of screen time. She doesn't have a big enough part for me to forgive other musicians who have tried to act (read: Tupac Shakur in "Poetic Justice"), but at the very least she's made up for Bobby Brown in "Ghostbusters 2."

What else makes "Barbershop" worth the $6, is the characters themselves. We all know someone like Terri and to some extent Calvin. Eddie is that goofy uncle that you're nervous to have your significant other meet until you realize there's no way anyone could dislike him. We all know a Jimmy and Isaac, and while my experiences with loan sharks are limited, I'm sure the character Lester does them justice.

"Barbershop" is funny and touching without being too much of one at the same time. The actors make you feel for their characters, and the movie rolls by at such a good pace it's over before you know it and that's mildly aggravating. The soundtrack is good as well. There is not a movie with Curtis Mayfield's "Pusherman" that isn't good. Trust me on that. The movie is wonderful; finally I can recommend a movie that is good to you. I do this because I love you.



MOVIE REVIEW

'Righteous Babe' debuts righteous new album

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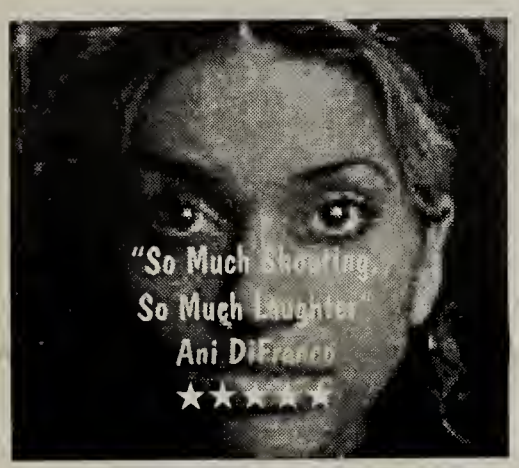
Ani Difranco, the folk singing righteous babe, has a new live album in stores. DiFranco, who owns, writes, and produces every bit of her music is hardly ever played on the radio. Still, she has an unbelievable amount of fans not only because of her immense talent as a musician, but also because her music is politically charged and full of emotion.

Ani has the freedom to say what she wants and be whom she wants because she is her own boss, which is almost unheard of in today's music industry, which puts her in a league of her own. Ani's music cannot easily be labeled as a specific category. She has fused music genres and has collaborated with Maceo Parker (a saxophone musician), Sarah Lee (a bassist), and even the artist formerly known as Prince.



Ani's new double-disc live album "So Much Shouting, So Much Laughter" has over two hours of music and includes three previously unreleased songs. All the compositions on the new album were recorded from live tours spanning from 2000 – 2002. The two-discs are titled, "Stray Cats" and "Girls Singing Night."

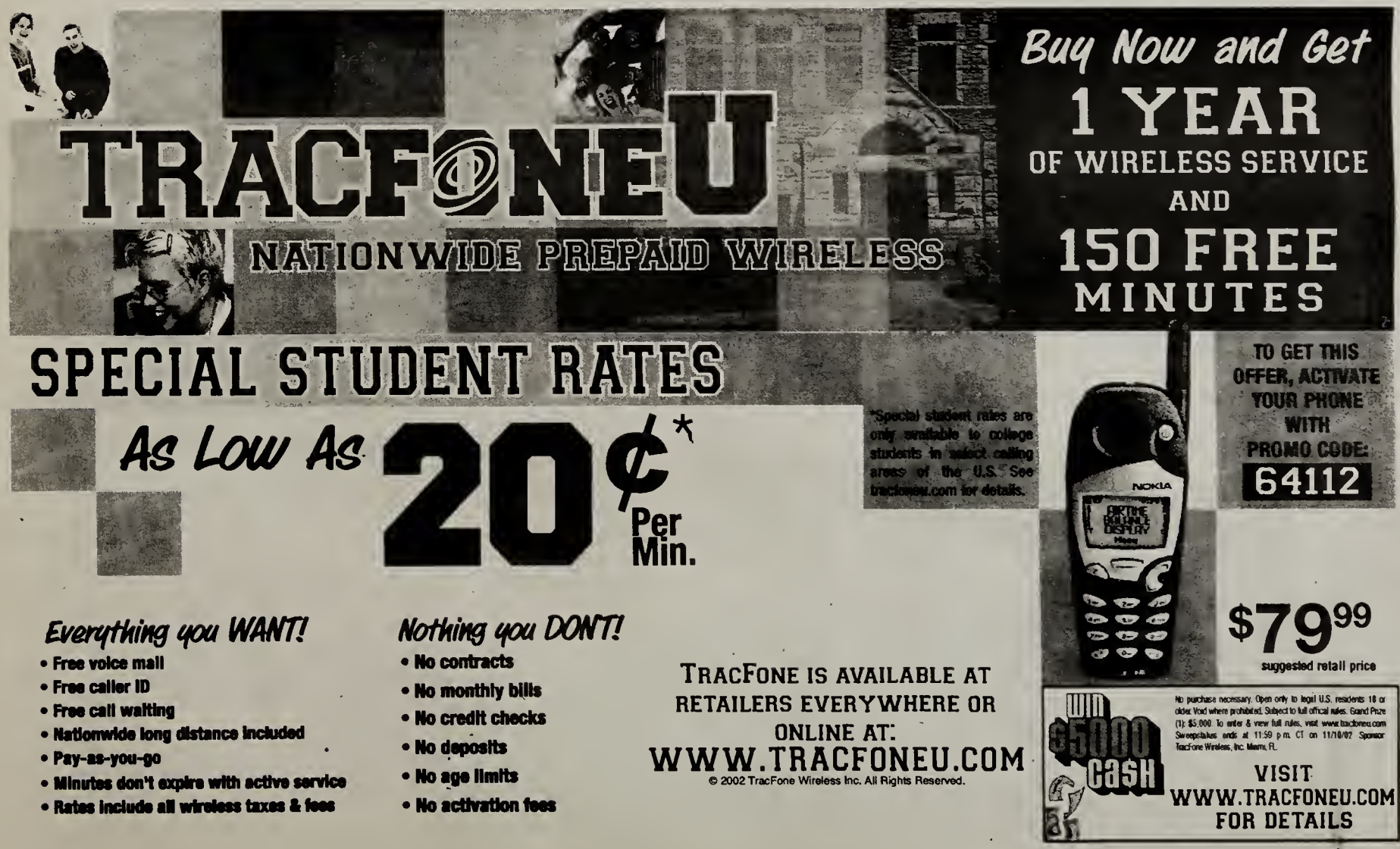
Probably the most prevalent new track is actually a poem titled "Self Evident" which was written directly in relation to the events of Sept. 11. "Self Evident" boldly states, "take away our play stations and we are a third world nation under the thumb of some blue blood royal son who stole the oval office and that phony election." Ani also says on this poem, "the lessons are all around us and the truth is waiting there, it's time to pick through the rubble, clean the streets and clear the air." She is opinionated, honest, and doesn't let anyone govern what she writes and sings about which gives her a unique and refreshing quality.

There is a great acoustic version of "Not A Pretty Girl" and a beautiful composition of the song, "You Had Time" also on the album, which is worth listening to as well.

According to Righteous Babe Records website, (Righteous Babe Records is the record company Ani founded based in Buffalo, New York) Ani Difranco said, "I gave up very quickly on the notion of finding perfect versions of any of these songs; there is so much on tape let alone in my mind. The performances are 'flawed', certainly, but my mission became simply to find technically passable tapes from nights I remember enjoying, listen to the songs I was interested in representing, and then ask myself the question, 'Is the spirit in here?'"

Righteous babe, Ani Difranco is back with her new live album, "So Much Shouting, So Much Laughter."

I do not think the performances are flawed in the least. They are full of energy and emotion, both from the fans and Ani herself. I would have liked more new material, but there is a great selection of Ani songs on this album from all stages in her musical career. It is an excellent album.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The Sprankle Confines

Peace in the MLB, at last

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Managing Editor

Many have debated on who won in this new agreement, the players or the owners. But in the end, it was the fans that came-up on top. When it comes to baseball, the month of September is all about the pennant races. However, all of the excitement ended-up in danger, even through the morning hours of Aug. 30. That day, everything went down to a 3-2 count, as the players and owners met throughout the night. In the end, peace would be discovered in Major League Baseball, as a deal came through in the 11th hour. Thus, the games would go on as scheduled, right through the upcoming postseason.

Before, the historical agreement came to pass, the players and owners agreed on issues from expanding the draft internationally to approving drug test for next season. In the end, the issues of luxury tax and revenue sharing were the items on the table that would make or break the 2002 season.

Beginning next year, the luxury tax will be implemented for teams that have a payroll of $117 million. The tax will increase over the next few years until 2007.

It is also until 2007 that no teams will disappear. Currently, 30 teams exist in the major leagues, but due to financial trouble, the league had considered contracting two teams. Over the last decade, MLB had 26 teams, which in 1993 expanded to 28, and then to the current 30 five years later. Over the last couple of seasons, the smaller market teams have struggled. At this time a year ago, both the Montreal Expos and the Minnesota Twins were on the list of teams being contracted.

Last week, the Twins clinched the American League Central, and have won the respect of their fans. It is certain, that a strike would hurt this organization that all long was on pace to win their division. After all, the 1994 strike damaged the Montreal Expos. On top of the National League East on Aug. 12, 1994, until the work stoppage forced the season to end. Eight years later, the Expos have suffered the worst of all major league teams. They are averaging 5,000 per game at Olympic Stadium. Only time will tell the fate of whether this team stays in Montreal or relocates some-

Group exercise classes resume at TFC

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The Total Fitness Center continues to commit itself to the PUC campus and people from around the community. But staying committed goes beyond the exercise rooms; it extends to teaching the balance of a healthy lifestyle. Over the last two weeks, group exercise classes have picked-up for the fall semester.

In its third year, these classes give TFC members a chance to maintain their physical fitness while interacting. Currently, five classes are scheduled for the next few months.

One of these classes features help for anyone with arthritis. Every Tuesday morning, this session provides motion and flexibility, in addition, relief for those who have suffered physically.

"Out of this (arthritis) class, I hope to loosen-up, I have worked out for nine years now, but I feel stiff," Frank Maver said.

Maver, a Highland resident and TFC member is recovering from prostate cancer surgery that he went through over the summer. Since then, he has felt stiffness, and therefore is new in taking the arthritis class.

But some have taken this class from the start.

"At first it sounded like fun, this class is a good idea," Hammond resident Betty Zile said, who worked in the PUC nursing program until retiring 15 years ago. Now, as a TFC member, she has been with this program for the last three years, since it started.

From this class's beginning, it has ran twice a week, that's until now. But due to a shorten staff, the class will only take place on Tuesday mornings during the fall.

The other classes will continue to run more than once a week and last for a half an hour on average.

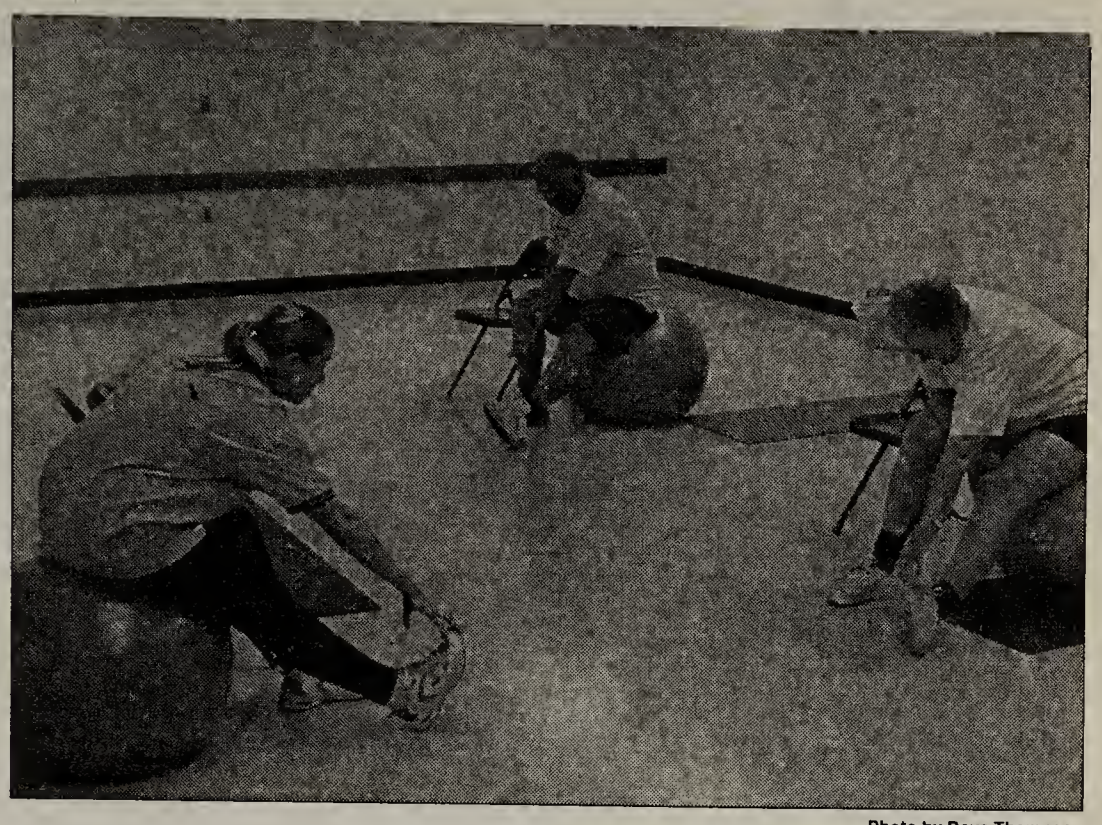

Photo by Dave Thompson

Tina Schmidt, left, teaches her students to stretch using the exercise balls during the Balance/Arthritis Class at the TFC.

Anyone who's a TFC member can participate in these group exercise programs.

Traditionally, the classes are held in the PER Building fieldhouse, but due to construction of the new gym floor, it has forced the exercises programs into TFC classrooms.

Some of the other classes include working on ABS and back, which focuses on strengthening the abdominal and lower back muscles. The cardio mix class, concentrates on burning calories; while resistance plus, which is in session three times a week, combines strength training and a cardiovascular workout together.

"Our classes are more functional now (than three years ago), we have been able to get more of a variety of aerobics classes," TFC exercise specialist Tina Schmidt, who has taught the group exercise classes since the beginning said.

"(In the end) we want everyone to work out properly. We also want to show them to exercise right."

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Frank Maver, Liz Paschen and Betty Zile participate in Tina Schmidt's Balance/Arthritis class.

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